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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed October 2, 2006. Applicant notes references U.S. Patent 5,242,516 and U.S. Publication No. 2002/162200 also listed in the search report were previously cited to or by the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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